

“(I) comparisons of budgeted percentages of total cash to be invested with actual percentages of cash invested and the dollar amounts;

“(II) comparisons of the next return on invested cash expressed in percentages (yield) with comparable market indicators and established District of Columbia government yield objectives; and

“(III) comparisons of estimated dollar return against actual dollar yield; and

“(E) monthly reports reflecting a detailed summary analysis of long-term and short-term borrowings inclusive of debt as authorized by §1-206.03, in the current fiscal year and the amount of debt for each succeeding fiscal year not to exceed 5 years; all such reports shall reflect—

“(i) the amount of debt outstanding by type of instrument;

“(ii) the amount of authorized and unissued debt, including availability of short-term lines of credit, United States Treasury borrowings, and similar information;

“(iii) a maturity schedule of the debt;

“(iv) the rate of interest payable upon the debt; and

“(v) the amount of debt service requirements and related debt service reserves.

“(2) Such other functions assigned to the Chief Financial Officer under subsection (d) as the Chief Financial Officer may delegate.

“(g) TRANSITION PROVISIONS.—

“(1) CFO.—Any Chief Financial Officer appointed by the Mayor prior to the date of enactment of the District of Columbia Independence of the Chief Financial Officer Act of 2003 may continue to serve in that capacity without reappointment until a new appointment under subsection (a) becomes effective.

“(2) EXECUTIVE BRANCH CFO.—Any executive branch agency chief financial officer appointed prior to the date of enactment of the District of Columbia Independence of the Chief Financial Officer Act of 2003 may continue to serve in that capacity without reappointment.”.

SEC. 203. CLARIFICATION OF DUTIES OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND MAYOR.

(a) RELATION TO FINANCIAL DUTIES OF MAYOR.—Section 448(a) of such Act (section 1-204.48(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “section 603,” and inserting “section 603 and except to the extent provided under section 424(d).”.

(b) RELATION TO MAYOR'S DUTIES REGARDING ACCOUNTING SUPERVISION AND CONTROL.—Section 449 of such Act (section 1-204.49, D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “The Mayor” and inserting “Except to the extent provided under section 424(d), the Mayor”.

SEC. 204. RULE REGARDING PERSONNEL AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Home Rule Act is amended by adding by adding after section 424g the following:

“AUTHORITY OVER PERSONNEL OF OFFICE AND OTHER FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

“SEC. 424h. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation, employees of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, including personnel described in subsection (b), shall be appointed by, shall serve at the pleasure of, and shall act under the direction and control of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia, and shall be considered at-will employees, except that the Chief Financial Officer shall comply with any collective bargaining agreement entered into by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

“(b) PERSONNEL.—The personnel described in this subsection are as follows:

“(1) The Office of the General Counsel within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia, such office shall include the General Counsel to the Chief Financial Officer and individuals hired or retained as attorneys by the Chief Financial Officer or any office under the personnel authority of the Office

of the Chief Financial Officer, all such attorneys shall act under the direction and control of the General Counsel to the Chief Financial Officer.

“(2) Personnel of the Office not described in paragraph (1).

“(3) The heads and all personnel of the offices described in subsection (c) and the Chief Financial Officers of all District of Columbia executive branch subordinate and independent agencies, Associate chief financial officers, together with all other District of Columbia accounting, budget, and financial management personnel (including personnel of executive branch independent agencies).

“(c) OFFICES DESCRIBED.—The offices referred to in this subsection are as follows:

“(1) The Office of Finance and Treasury (or any successor office).

“(2) The Office of Financial Operations and Systems (or any successor office).

“(3) The Office of the Budget and Planning (or any successor office).

“(4) The Office of Tax and Revenue (or any successor office).

“(5) The District of Columbia Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board.

“(d) INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY OVER LEGAL PERSONNEL.—Sections 851 through 862 of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-260; D.C. Official Code §1-608.51-1-608.62) shall not apply to attorneys employed by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 862 of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 (D.C. Law 2-260; D.C. Official Code §1-608.62) is amended by striking paragraph (2).

SEC. 205. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY.

(a) MAINTENANCE OF A PROCUREMENT OFFICE INDEPENDENT OF THE MAYOR'S PROCUREMENT OFFICE.—Section 104(c) of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1986, effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code §2-301.04), is amended by striking beginning with “During a control year, as defined by §47-393(4),” through “Chief Financial Officer shall be bound by the provisions contained in this Act.”.

(b) HOME RULE ACT.—The Home Rule Act is amended by adding after section 424h the following:

“PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

“SEC. 424i. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer's procurement practices shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 3 of title 2 of the D.C. Official Code, except that the Office of the Chief Financial Officer shall maintain a procurement office or division that shall operate independent of, and shall not be governed by, the Office of Contracting and Procurement, established by section 2-301.05, or its successor office.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 206. FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.

The General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, effective September 23, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-17; D.C. Official §Code 1-301.45 through 1-301.47), is amended by adding after section 4 the following:

“FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

“SEC. 4a. (a) BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other law, except as provided in subsection (c), all permanent bills and resolutions shall be accompanied by a fiscal impact statement before final adoption by the Council.

“(2) CONTENTS.—The fiscal impact statement shall include the estimate of the costs which will be incurred by the District as a result of the enactment of the measure in the current and each

of the first four fiscal years for which the act or resolution is in effect, together with a statement of the basis for such estimate.

“(b) APPROPRIATIONS.—Permanent and emergency acts which are accompanied by fiscal impact statements which reflect unbudgeted costs, shall be subject to appropriations prior to becoming effective.

“(c) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to emergency declaration, ceremonial, confirmation, and sense of the Council resolutions.”.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that Senator LEVIN has an amendment at the desk. I ask that the amendment be considered and agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the bill, as amended, be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table without any intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2230) was agreed to as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2230

(Purpose: To provide for metered cabs in the District of Columbia)

At the appropriate place, insert the following: (p. 10, after l. 2)

SEC. —. METERED CABS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b) and not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the District of Columbia shall require all cabs licensed in the District of Columbia to charge fares by a metered system.

(b) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OPT OUT.—The District of Columbia may cancel the requirements of subsection (a) by adopting an ordinance that specifically states that the District of Columbia opts out of the requirement to implement a metered system under subsection (a).

The bill (S. 1267), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

THE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2620, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2620) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2620) was read the third time and passed.

POISON CONTROL CENTER ENHANCEMENT AND AWARENESS ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (S. 686) to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

S. 686

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 686) entitled "An Act to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers", do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act Amendments of 2003".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Poison control centers are our Nation's primary defense against injury and deaths from poisoning. Twenty-four hours a day, the general public as well as health care practitioners contact their local poison centers for help in diagnosing and treating victims of poisoning and other toxic exposures.

(2) Poisoning is the third most common form of unintentional death in the United States. In any given year, there will be between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000 poison exposures. More than 50 percent of these exposures will involve children under the age of 6 who are exposed to toxic substances in their home. Poisoning accounts for 285,000 hospitalizations, 1,200,000 days of acute hospital care, and 13,000 fatalities annually.

(3) Stabilizing the funding structure and increasing accessibility to poison control centers will promote the utilization of poison control centers, and reduce the inappropriate use of emergency medical services and other more costly health care services.

(4) The tragic events of September 11, 2001, and the anthrax cases of October 2001, have dramatically changed our Nation. During this time period, poison centers in many areas of the country were answering thousands of additional calls from concerned residents. Many poison centers were relied upon as a source for accurate medical information about the disease and the complications resulting from prophylactic antibiotic therapy.

(5) The 2001 Presidential Task Force on Citizen Preparedness in the War on Terrorism recommended that the Poison Control Centers be used as a source of public information and public education regarding potential biological, chemical, and nuclear domestic terrorism.

(6) The increased demand placed upon poison centers to provide emergency information in the event of a terrorist event involving a biological, chemical, or nuclear toxin will dramatically increase call volume.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.

Title XII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"PART G—POISON CONTROL

"SEC. 1271. MAINTENANCE OF A NATIONAL TOLL-FREE NUMBER.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide coordination and assistance to regional poi-

son control centers for the establishment of a nationwide toll-free phone number to be used to access such centers.

"(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the establishment or continued operation of any privately funded nationwide toll-free phone number used to provide advice and other assistance for poisonings or accidental exposures.

"(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2009. Funds appropriated under this subsection shall not be used to fund any toll-free phone number described in subsection (b).

"SEC. 1272. NATIONWIDE MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE POISON CONTROL CENTER UTILIZATION.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a national media campaign to educate the public and health care providers about poison prevention and the availability of poison control resources in local communities and to conduct advertising campaigns concerning the nationwide toll-free number established under section 1271.

"(b) CONTRACT WITH ENTITY.—The Secretary may carry out subsection (a) by entering into contracts with 1 or more nationally recognized media firms for the development and distribution of monthly television, radio, and newspaper public service announcements.

"(c) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall—

"(1) establish baseline measures and benchmarks to quantitatively evaluate the impact of the nationwide media campaign established under this section; and

"(2) prepare and submit to the appropriate congressional committees an evaluation of the nationwide media campaign on an annual basis.

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$600,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2005 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

"SEC. 1273. MAINTENANCE OF THE POISON CONTROL CENTER GRANT PROGRAM.

"(a) REGIONAL POISON CONTROL CENTERS.—The Secretary shall award grants to certified regional poison control centers for the purposes of achieving the financial stability of such centers, and for preventing and providing treatment recommendations for poisonings.

"(b) OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.—The Secretary shall also use amounts received under this section to—

"(1) develop standardized poison prevention and poison control promotion programs;

"(2) develop standard patient management guidelines for commonly encountered toxic exposures;

"(3) improve and expand the poison control data collection systems, including, at the Secretary's discretion, by assisting the poison control centers to improve data collection activities;

"(4) improve national toxic exposure surveillance by enhancing activities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry;

"(5) expand the toxicologic expertise within poison control centers; and

"(6) improve the capacity of poison control centers to answer high volumes of calls during times of national crisis.

"(c) CERTIFICATION.—Except as provided in subsection (d), the Secretary may make a grant to a center under subsection (a) only if—

"(1) the center has been certified by a professional organization in the field of poison control, and the Secretary has approved the organization as having in effect standards for certification that reasonably provide for the protection of the public health with respect to poisoning; or

"(2) the center has been certified by a State government, and the Secretary has approved the State government as having in effect standards

for certification that reasonably provide for the protection of the public health with respect to poisoning.

"(d) WAIVER OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may grant a waiver of the certification requirement of subsection (c) with respect to a noncertified poison control center or a newly established center that applies for a grant under this section if such center can reasonably demonstrate that the center will obtain such a certification within a reasonable period of time as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

"(2) RENEWAL.—The Secretary may renew a waiver under paragraph (1).

"(3) LIMITATION.—In no instance may the sum of the number of years for a waiver under paragraph (1) and a renewal under paragraph (2) exceed 5 years. The preceding sentence shall take effect as if enacted on February 25, 2000.

"(e) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts made available to a poison control center under this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, or local funds provided for such center.

"(f) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—A poison control center, in utilizing the proceeds of a grant under this section, shall maintain the expenditures of the center for activities of the center at a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained by the center for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is received.

"(g) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary may impose a matching requirement with respect to amounts provided under a grant under this section if the Secretary determines appropriate.

"(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2004 and \$27,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2009.

"SEC. 1274. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

"Nothing in this part may be construed to ease any restriction in Federal law applicable to the amount or percentage of funds appropriated to carry out this part that may be used to prepare or submit a report."

SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

The Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act (42 U.S.C. 14801 et seq.) is hereby repealed.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the House amendment, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ARREST OF MIKHAIL B. KHODORKOVSKY BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 380, S. Res. 258.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 258) expressing the sense of the Senate on the arrest of Mikhail B. Khodorkovsky by the Russian Federation.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, and that any